

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 1 is a plan view of an absorbent pad for men as one example of the first embodiment, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the absorbent pad for men taken along a line X-X' of Fig. 1. An absorbent pad for men P is a three-dimensional article and therefore inherently extends in a length direction or longitudinal direction L, a height direction H, and a width direction W, and includes a rectangular liquid permeable top sheet 1, a liquid impermeable back sheet 2, an absorbent member 3 arranged between the top sheet 1 and the back sheet 2, and a pair of liquid impermeable gather sheets arranged on the top sheet 1 and facing each other, i.e., a first gather sheet (~~corresponding to the other gather sheet according to claims 1 to 10~~) 4 and a second gather sheet (~~corresponding to one gather sheet according to claims 1 to 10~~) 5. Tip ends TA and TB of the respective gather sheets 4 and 5 are formed to face each other along the longitudinal direction L of the absorbent pad for men P.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In this embodiment, an auxiliary gather sheet (~~corresponding to an auxiliary sheet according to claims 1 to 10~~) 10 for diffusing liquefied excrement is provided integrally with the top sheet 1 between the top sheet 1 and the second gather sheet 5. More specifically, the liquid permeable auxiliary gather sheet 10 extends from ~~one~~ a first end at gather sheet 5 side to a second end at the other gather sheet 4 side between the top sheet 1 and the gather sheets 4 and 5. A genital holding space 18 is formed in a space surrounded by the first gather sheet 4, the auxiliary gather sheet 10, and the top sheet 1. An opening 6' for inserting the male genitals into the genital holding space 18 is formed by the tip end TA of the first gather sheet 4 and a tip end 17T of the auxiliary gather sheet 10. This opening 6' is formed to be unevenly distributed to the first gather sheet 4 side.--